



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 29, 1998

S. 2095

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1998

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on May 20, 1998*

SUMMARY

S. 2095 would authorize the appropriation of a total of \$35 million for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2003 to the Department of the Interior (\$30 million annually) and the Department of Commerce (\$5 million annually) for making payments to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The payments would be available to the foundation to match contributions received from private, state, and local organizations to carry out various wildlife programs. Other provisions of the bill, which would amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, would have no impact on federal spending. Many of these provisions would clarify existing laws regarding the foundation's investment and use of federally appropriated funds.

The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2095 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that federal agencies would make payments totaling \$35 million to the NFWF in each of the next five years. The authorized annual payments are \$10 million higher than the current annual authorization (which expires at the end of this fiscal year) and \$29 million higher than the amount appropriated for payments to the NFWF for 1998. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2095 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	6	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	35	35	35	35	35
Estimated Outlays	0	35	35	35	35	35
Spending Under S. 2095						
Authorization Level ^a	6	35	35	35	35	35
Estimated Outlays	6	35	35	35	35	35

a. The 1998 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2095 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On March 31, 1998, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 2376, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 11, 1998. In contrast to S. 2095's five-year authorization of \$35 million a year, H.R. 2376 would provide a one-year authorization of \$25 million for fiscal year 1999.

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